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SUBJ: KIEV CONGEN: VISIT OF FBO ARCHITECT KNOOP

REF: STATE 20968 (NOTAL), 75 STATE 298653,

1. EMBASSY JANUARY 29 APPRISED MFA OF PLANS FOR KNOOP VISIT AND REQUESTED EARLY CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED DATES FEBRUARY 16/17, ACCESS TO INTERIORS SPECIFIED REFTEL AND SHOWING OF ANY NEW PROPERTIES AVAILABLE. MFA (FEDOSEYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF USA DIVISION) SAID HE WOULD COORDINATE WITH KIEV OFFICIALS WITHOUT DELAY.

2. AT SAME TIME, FEDOSEYEV PRESENTED NON-PAPER RESPONDING TO QUERIES IN STATE 298653 (TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL). ESSENTIAL POINTS ARE:

- FOR RECONSTRUCTION SOVIETS WILL REQUEIRE DESIGN AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION TO BE AGREED IN ADVANCE (BY IMPLICATION NO SPECIAL FORMS NEEDED);
- COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE BORNE BY SOVIETS EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL US REQUESTS FOR WORK NOT COVERED BY SOVIET NORMS AND REGULATIONS;
- RENTS WILL BE AT STANDARD TARIFFS FOR FOREIGNERS;
- FLORENTSIA WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE;
- TWO DOWNTOWN APARTMENTS (DPO, CAO) CAN BE OFFERED ONLY AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING FOR FOR FOREIGN CONGEN STAFFS (I.E. NEW APARTMENT HOUSE BELIEVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR FOREIGNERS IN KIEV); AND

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- ADDITIONAL RECREATION PROPERTIES WILL BE SHOWN.

3. COMMENT: MAJOR PROBLEM PRESENTED IS QUESTION DPO AND CAO APARTMENTS, WHICH KIEV AUTHORITIES CLEARLY INTEND TO BE HOUSED IN DOWNTOWN FOREIGNERS-ONLY BUILDING ON PATTERN DIPLOMATIC "GHETTOS" OF MOSCOW. ASSUMING NEW BUILDING WILL BE READY WITHIN YEAR, EMBASSY AT THIS POINT IS INCLINED TO ACCEPT FUTURE APARTMENTS THERE PLUS FLORENTSIA AND SUCH OTHERS AS MAY BE IN OFFICE BUILDING. WE RECOGNIZE ADVANTAGES OF SEPARATE APARTMENTS, BUT DOUBT THAT KIEV WILL YIELD, GIVEN ITS HOUSING SHORTAGE AND PHYSICAL ADEQUACY OF APARTMENTS PROPOSED. IF DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, DETERMINES WE SHOULD TAKE STRONG STAND INSISTING ON TWO APARTMENTS OUTSIDE "GHETTO," BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO DO SO NOW, WITH LINKAGE TO KNOOP VISIT. OTHER POINTS IN SOVIET NON-PAPER (E.G. RENT COSTS) ARE VAGUELY WORDED, BUT APPEAR RESPONSIVE AND SHOULD BE PINNED DOWN IN CONNECTION KNOOP REVIEW. END COMMENT. STOESEL

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